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FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT

LS 6847

BILL NUMBER: SB 329

NOTE PREPARED: Jan 7, 2003

BILL AMENDED:

SUBJECT: Veteran's Lifetime Hunting and Fishing Licenses.

FIRST AUTHOR: Sen. Skillman

BILL STATUS: As Introduced

FIRST SPONSOR:

FUNDS AFFECTED: **GENERAL**
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 FEDERAL

IMPACT: State

Summary of Legislation: This bill allows a disabled veteran to obtain a lifetime fishing, hunting, or fishing and hunting license at a reduced fee.

Effective Date: July 1, 2003.

Explanation of State Expenditures:

Explanation of State Revenues: The potential annual revenue loss to the Fish and Wildlife Fund is dependent on the number of disabled veterans who wish to purchase the discounted lifetime licenses that are included in this proposal. Currently, 43 disabled veterans have purchased annual licenses. Therefore, the potential impact is expected to be minimal.

Fishing License Fee - This bill reduces the lifetime basic fishing license fee to \$55 for qualifying disabled veterans. The current fee is \$285, leaving a difference of \$230. Revenue loss to the state from allowing qualified veterans to obtain lifetime basic fishing licenses at a reduced fee would be \$230 per license.

Hunting License Fee - This bill reduces the lifetime basic hunting license fee to \$55 for qualified individuals from \$285, or a reduction of \$230. The annual revenue loss per license sold would be \$230.

Hunting and Fishing License Fee - The Division of Fish and Wildlife does not have this type of license. Using the formula provided in statute for calculating the regular price of lifetime license, a person would have to purchase both a basic hunting and a basic fishing lifetime license at \$285 each, or a total of \$513. The price of the fee provided in this proposal is \$100, leaving a difference of \$413. The revenue loss from

each reduced-price license sold would be \$413.

Revenues collected from fishing and hunting license fees are deposited in the Fish and Wildlife Fund. The operating budgets of the DNR's Division of Fish and Wildlife and the Division of Law Enforcement are funded through the Fish and Wildlife Fund. The proposal could decrease the amount of revenue in this fund.

Explanation of Local Expenditures:

Explanation of Local Revenues:

State Agencies Affected: Department of Natural Resources.

Local Agencies Affected:

Information Sources: Division of Fish and Wildlife, Department of Natural Resources.

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